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Letter dated 17 May 1998 from the Permanent Representative of Mongolia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the text of the statement made by the spokesman of the Ministry of External Relations of Mongolia, in connection with the underground nuclear tests conducted by India on 11 and 13 May 1998 in Pokhran range.

I should be grateful if you would have the text of the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 64, and of the Security Council.

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ANNEX

Statement issued on 14 May 1998 by the spokesman of the Ministry of External Relations of Mongolia

The spokesman of the Ministry of External Relations of Mongolia made the following statement in connection with the underground nuclear tests conducted by the Republic of India on 11 and 13 May 1998 in Pokhran range.

"Mongolia has always considered a comprehensive nuclear test ban to be of decisive importance for promoting nuclear disarmament and, in this spirit, it signed and ratified the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty.

"Mongolia deeply regrets that India has conducted nuclear tests at a time when the process of acceding to this Treaty by the countries of the world is gaining momentum and when all five nuclear Powers refrain from any nuclear testing".